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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
Application No. 10/707,819

Dear Mr. Hess

This communication is to confirm that upon our phone conversation regarding the Notice of Non-Final Rejection mailed by USPTO on September 19, 2006 we established that said notice was sent in error. Following your instructions, I disregarded said Notice and will await your further determination on the matter.

However, with the mailing deadline on the original Notice rapidly approaching, I would like to receive a written confirmation that you in fact instructed me to disregard the Notice mailed on September 19. Such confirmation would be extremely helpful should my case be reassigned again to a new examiner.

Please send me a quick letter confirming the above at your earliest occasion.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dmitry Noraev".

Dmitry Noraev, Ph.D.